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Title: PROTOCOL FOR INSURING EXACTLY ONCE SEMANTICS OF TRANSACTIONS ACROSS AN UNORDERED, UNRELIABLE NETWORK

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TOTAL CLAIMS	24	MINUS	20	= 4	X \$18	\$ 72
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	3	= 1	X \$86	\$ 86
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2003 (Paper No. 2) (hereinafter "Office Action"), the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of record in light of the following Amendments and Remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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